

The FCC should stop Sinclair Broadcasting from airing "Stolen Honor." This is essentially using their corporate control of local stations to advertise for one candidate at prime time. At a minimum, they should be required to provide equal time to the Kerry campaign, for example by showing "Going Upriver".

Sinclair says that they are just showing the news, but who are they kidding? Why do their corporate executives think that this "news" is more important than local news from each community? They are taking programming decisions away from the local affiliates and imposing their own priorities. Many other issues in the campaign -- healthcare, unemployment, the war in Iraq, for example -- are far more relevant and noteworthy than John Kerry's military days in Vietnam 30 years ago, but Sinclair is not ordering its stations to run long documentaries about them. Clearly this is a political decision and not a news decision.

I would also like to address the bigger picture issue: that of runaway consolidation in our media. The FCC needs to lower ownership caps so that our local TV stations don't get hijacked by Headquarters executives from far away who have their own political agenda.

This incident with Sinclair is only the latest and most blatant example of how big media consolidation corrupts our political process. Please stop Sinclair from getting away with this blatantly illegal electioneering and then stop companies like Sinclair from controlling so many stations. Thank you